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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF RESUMPTION OF SPC DISCUSSION OF SUMMIT DECLARATION ON MAY 20, FOLLOWING THE FORTHCOMING LONG PENTECOST HOLIDAY WEEKEND, MISSION OFFICERS LOBBIED VIGOROUSLY MAY 15 AND 16 WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF IS DRAFT.

2. UK DEPUTY DECLARATION (TEXT IN PARA 7, BELOW), WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY LONDON AND WHICH EMBRACES MOST ELEMENTS OF IS AND BELGIAN DRAFTS. TO HELP PREPARE GROUND FOR SPC DISCUSSION, LOGAN REPORTS THAT HE MET MAY 16 WITH FRG, NORWEGIAN AND DANISH COUNTERPARTS, WHO HAVE PROMISED TO SUPPORT LOGAN'S PROPOSAL THAT SPC USE UK DRAFT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH LOGAN, WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING UK TEXT, WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT, IN ORDER TO GET DISCUSSIONS LAUNCHED IN SPC, WE WOULD BE PREPARED ALSO TO ADDRESS UK DRAFT. OUR SUPPORT FOR LOGAN'S ENDEAVOR TO CRACK THE ICE OVERCAME HIS INITIAL RELUCTANCE TO CIRCULATE UK TEXT FOR FEAR THAT ANTAGONISTS WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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PREMATURELY REQUIRE US SCRUPULOUSLY TO PRESERVE ELEMENTS WHICH APPEAR IN IS DRAFT, AND TO BRACKET DAMAGING LANGUAGE DRAWN FROM BELGIAN DRAFT.

4. IN MAY 16 DISCUSSION WITH SPC CHAIRMAN KASTL, WE UNDERSCORED US INTEREST IN MAKING EARLY DRAFTING PROGRESS, INDICATED OUR READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER DRAFTING, AND URGED HIS SUPPORT FOR LOGAN'S INITIATIVE. BECAUSE FRG, DANES AND NORWEGIANS WERE PREPARED TO WORK FROM UK DRAFT, KASTL BELIEVED THAT SCALES WOULD BEGIN TO TIP AGAINST BELGIAN DRAFT IN MAY 20 SPC DISCUSSION, FRUSTRATING POSSIBLE BELGIAN AND FRENCH PLANS TO DEFER FURTHER DISCUSSION ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS.

5. COMMENT: PROSPECT OF LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND, CONCERN ON THE PART OF MANY DELEGATIONS ABOUT ANTAGONIZING FRENCH AND BELGIANS, RESERVATIONS ABOUT ASPECTS OF IS TEXT--AS REFLECTED IN REPORTS ON DEMARCHES PURSUANT TO STATE 112530, AND KASTL'S EARLIER RETICENCE TO PROCEED, HAVE CONTRIVED TO FURTHER DELAY FORMAL OR INFORMAL MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG DELEGATIONS ON THE THE DECLARATION. HOWEVER, WE THINK RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS IN CAPITALS AND HERE WILL BE SALUTARY, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT SERIOUS DRAFTING FINALLY WILL GET UNDERWAY WHEN SPC RECONVENES ON MAY 20.

6. WE PLAN IN MAY 20 SPC RELUCTANTLY TO AGREE TO WORK FROM UK DRAFT. SHOULD IT NOT BE ACCEPTED BY SPC AS BASIS FOR DRAFTING, KASTL MAY THEN CIRCULATE MUCH LESS DESIRABLE TEXT THAT IS HAS DEVELOPED, THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN PRIVATELY TO A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS AND THAT INCLUDES MOST OF BELGIAN DRAFT AND LITTLE OF OURS. WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND PURSUING DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASIS OF SUCH A TEXT, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE WOULD CONFRONT IN RE-INTRODUCING KEY POINTS WE FAVOR. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT, IN ORDER TO LAUNCH THE DRAFTING EXERCISE, WE MAY HAVE TO FALL BACK TO A LESS DESIRABLE IS OR COMPROMISE TEXT AS AN ARMATURE. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON UK DRAFT, BEARING IN MIND THAT WE WILL SEEK CONFIDENTIAL

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TO REINTRODUCE THE ELEMENTS OF THE IS DRAFT THAT HAVE BEEN OMITTED AND THAT ACCOUNT WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN OF CONCERNS OF OUR ALLIES WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS A RESULT OF DEMARCHES TO ALL NATO CAPITALS. END COMMENT.

7 BEGIN TEXT OF U.K. DRAFT

(ASTERISKS INDICATE DELETIONS FROM IS DRAFT LANGUAGE;
UNDERLINING INDICATES NEW LANGUAGE)

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1. THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WAS HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 29 AND 30 MAY 1975 WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

2. THE ALLIES RECALLED THE DECLARATION APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN OTTAWA ON 19 JUNE 1974 AND SIGNED BY HEADS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN BRUSSELS ON 26 JUNE 1974. IN REAFFIRMING THEIR ADHERENCE ITS IMPORTANCE AND HAD BROUGHT OUT THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSES OF THE ALLIANCE, NAMELY TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE SECURITY OF ITS MEMBERS AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE CREATION OF A LASTING STRUCTURE OF PEACE.

3. (FROM BELGIAN DRAFT) THE PEOPLES OF THE ALLIANCE SHARE THE UNIVERSAL ASPIRATION FOR JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. IT IS THEIR DESIRE THAT THROUGH CONSULTATION AND CO-ORDINATION THERE SHOULD EMERGE AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER WHICH REFLECTS THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES OF OUR TIME AND THEY ARE RESOLVED THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROCESS SHALL BE INSPIRED BY THE CIVILIZED VALUES THEY PRIZE SO HIGHLY. IF THIS COLLECTIVE ENTERPRISE IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, PEACE MUST BE PRESERVED AND STRENGTHENED, AND THIS IS THEIR FIRST AND FOREMOST POLICY OBJECTIVE. THE COLLECTIVE DEFENCE PROVIDED BY THE ALLIANCE IS A STABILIZING FACTOR WHICH HAS A BENEFICIAL
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INFLUENCE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS A WHOLE. IN THE TROUBLED AND RAPIDLY-CHANGING WORLD OF TODAY, THE ALLIES REAFFIRM THAT THE SECURITY OF EACH IS OF VITAL CONCERN TO THEM ALL AND THAT IT BEHOVES THEM, NOT ONLY IN THEIR OWN INTEREST BUT ALSO IN THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AT LARGE,

TO STAND BY THE PRINCIPLES WHICH BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER AND TO

REMAIN VIGILANT IN THE PURSUIT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY.

4. THE ALLIES REVIEWED THE CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT THEM AND RESOLVED TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES COLLECTIVELY WITH DETERMINATION AND ENERGY.

5. IN THE 26 YEARS SPAN OF THE ALLIANCE, EACH OF ITS MEMBERS HAS MAINTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY. NONE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF ARMED ATTACK. CONFRONTATION HAS BEGUN TO YIELD TO NEGOTIATION. YET TODAY THE ALLIANCE IS BEING TESTED. THE ARMED FORCES OF OTHER STATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED AND IMPROVED, AND THE INTENTIONS OF SOME REMAIN UNCERTAIN. WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS PERSIST, CHALLENGING THE DETERMINATION AND ABILITY OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY DEFENCE. PROBLEMS OF ENERGY SUPPLY REMAIN UNRESOLVED, ASTERIX ASTERIX ASTERIX. DISPUTES AMONG SOME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE DIMINISH THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

6. ALLIED LEADERS AFFIRMED THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED WHICH COULD IN ANY WAY WEAKEN THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY INCLUDING ARTICLE 5 WHICH RELATES TO THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO ARMED ATTACK.(FROM PARA 6 OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT). THEY AGREED:

(A) TO MAINTAIN THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY. WITHOUT A CREDIBLE CAPACITY TO DETER AND DEFEND, THE ALLIANCE CANNOT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF ITS MEMBERS CAN BE MAINTAINED.

(B) TO PURSUE DETENTE, ASTERIX ASTERIX ASTERIX. THE PROCESS OF REDUCING CAUSES OF TENSIONS MUST INCLUDE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND THE DETERMINATION THEREAFTER TO TRANSLATE ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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WORDS INTO DEEDS. ASTERIX ASTERIX ASTERIX. MINISTERS OF THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN VIENNA STRESSED THE NEED FOR PROGRESS THERE ALSO. ASTERIX ASTERIX ASTERIX. A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME WAS A NECESSARY COMPLEMENT IN THE MILITARY FIELD TO THE WORK ACHIEVED AT GENEVA IN THE POLITICAL FIELD AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE WHICH ALL CONCERNED HAVE ACCEPTED AS THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

(C) TO RESOLVE DISPUTES AMONG THEMSELVES. THE ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRACIES HAS A SPECIAL DUTY TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

(D) TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME ON THE SOLUTION OF WHICH THE FUTURE OF ALL MANKIND DEPENDS.

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